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SUBJ: NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES

1. REGIONAL COMMISSIONER DUGA INVOKED CONSULAR CORPS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, LESS THAN 48 HOURS AFTER HIS RETURN FROM KINSHASA, TO ELABORATE ON NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES, GIST: FULL STEAM AHEAD.

2. ASKING CONSULAR CORPS TO BE FAITHFUL INTERPRETERS OF NEW MEASURES TO RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES, COMMISSIONERS SAID HE FOUND ASTONISHING RESISTANCE AND NON COMPREHENSION IN SHABA AMONG AFFECTED FOREIGNERS. NEVERTHELESS, CITY PRESIDENT MOBUTU, HE SAID QTE WHETHER YOU WANT IT OR NOT, TOTAL ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE BEGINS NOW UNQUOTE. FLANKED BY ALL TOP AIDES, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY RESISTANCE TO QTE OPERATION REMISE-REPRISE UNQTE WILL BE PROMPTLY DEALT WITH.

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3. IN HIS PRESENTATION AND SUBSEQUENT ANSWERS TO

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QUESTION FROM CORPS, FOLLOWING PRINCIPAL POINTS
EMERGED:

A) COMMISSIONER HAD RETURNED FROM CAPITAL WITH
LIST OF ALL FIRMS TO BE PUT IN HANDS OF ZAIRIOS,
WITH VIGOROUS IMPLEMENTATION TO BEGIN THIS MORNING.
B) NO ONE AFFECTED WILL BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE
COUNTRY UNTIL GOZ SATISFIED THEY HAVE PROPERLY HANDED
OVER THIER FIRMS, PAID DEBTS, INCLUDING SUPPLIER AND
BANK CREDITS, ALL TAXES, ETC. MEANWHILE, NO RULING
YET TAKEN ON WHETHER DEPENDENTS CAN LEAVE.
C) GOZ NOTE WITH CONCERN THAT FOREIGNERS ARE
COMMITTING ECONOMIC SABOTAGE BY RUNNING DOWN STOCKS,
NOT REORDERING, HOARDING CASH RATHER THAN REMITTING
TO BANKS AND SUPPLIERS, THUS ERODING THE CURRENCY.
THESE PEOPLE ARE KNOWN TO GOZ AND A LOCAL COMMISSION

IS BEING CREATED TO BREAK UP THEIR OPERATIONS.
VIOLATERS WILL BE CAUGHT AND DEALT WITH.

D) EX-OWNERS ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO WORK FOR NEW
PROPRIETORS BUT, SINCE INDEMNIFICATION DEPENDS ON
FIRMS PROFITS, THEY SHOULD FIND IT ADVANTAGEOUS TO
QTE COLLABORATE UNQTE.
E) AS OF DATE OF TAKEOVER, NEW OWNER ASSUME NOT

ONLY ASSETS BUT ALSO LIABILITIES OF FIRMS. ASSETS
INCLUDE ALL MATERIEL CONNECTED WITH OPERATION OF FIRM
BUT EXCLUDE HOMES, PERSONAL VEHICLES AND PERSONAL
EFFECTS. MOREOVER NEW ZAIROIS OWNERS ARE OBLIGED AS
CONDITION OF TAKEOVER TO EMPLOY EX-OWNERS IF FORMER
SO WISH. CONDITIONS SUCH EMPLOYMENT NOT SPECIFIED.
F) AS TO SEARCHES OF PERSONS, RESIDENCES AND
SAFETY DEPOSITS, LIFTING OF PASSPORTS, ETC. OF
AFFECTED FOREIGNERS, QTE OUR SPECIAL SERVICES HAVE
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS UNQTE.
G) WHAT DO FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN DO ON FEB 28
IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN OVER. RESPONSE: QTE
WE SHALL SEE UNQTE.

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4. IN SUMMING UP, COMMISSIONER DUGA TURNED TO
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS, COMMANDER OF FOURTH MILITARY
REGION, AND SHABA CND CHIEF, TO INSTRUCT THEM
THAT OPERATION TO BE LAUNCHED TODAY WILL BE QTE
STRICT, INTEGRAL, IMMEDIATE AND TOTAL UNQTE.

5. SEPTEL FOLLOWS.
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